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**Request  
for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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<i>Application Number</i>	10/071,301
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 8, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Eiji HAMAMOTO
<i>Art Unit</i>	1772
<i>Examiner Name</i>	HON, SOW FUN
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	020588

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- 1.** **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other Amendment Transmittal

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
a.  Deposit Account No. 50-2866

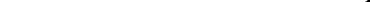
i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	02/23/2004 CCHAU1 00000039 10071301
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	02 FC:1801 770.00 OP
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b.  Check in the amount of \$ 952(770+110+72) enclosed

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Nicolas E. Seckel	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,373
Signature		Date	February 20, 2004

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Eiji HAMAMOTO et al.

Confirmation No.: 1113

Serial Number: 10/071,301

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For: POLARIZING PLATE AND OPTICAL MEMBER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

February 20, 2004

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a one-month extension of time are enclosed with this paper.



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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February 20, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established previously.

A statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

		CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	24	20	=	4	X \$9	X \$18	\$72.00
Independent Claims	4	4	=		X \$43	X \$86	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$145	\$290	
							\$72.00

XX Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$952.00 (\$770.00 for the RCE, \$110.00 for the extension of time, and \$72.00 for the additional claims fee) in connection with this amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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